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New Highlands resort

Minden vet Carol Sanio, along with employees Holly Haywood, left, and Emily Thackeray, play with some of the guests of the Minden Pet Resort, which recently opened in the Bobcaygeon Road building that also houses Sanio's Minden Animal Hospital. The mural is by local artist Karen Sloan. See story on page 13. Chad Ingram Times staff

Council rebuffs playground plans

Chad Ingram
Staff reporter

Algonquin Highlands councillors expressed their discomfort with a plan by the Dorset Community Planning Group to build a children's playground on the property that once housed Dorset Public School during an April 7 council meeting.

The creation of a new playground in Dorset is one of a number of projects being put forth by the group for which it has been granted funding by the Ontario Trillium Foundation.

According to the minutes of a March 22 planning group meeting received by councillors last week, "a decision was made to move the playground to the old school property to encourage the beautification of the whole community."

The group has proposed a 10-year lease agreement with the property's owner, the minutes read, and the group would rely on insurance through Lake of Bays township (Dorset sits partially in Lake of Bays and partially in Algonquin Highlands), despite the fact the property is located within Algonquin Highlands.

The minutes also suggest looking at a business plan to develop the property, possibly with a parking lot and public washrooms, and raising \$300,000 so that the property can be purchased at the end of the 10-year lease.

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Darren Lum Times staff

With close to 50 students watching, Haliburton Highlands Secondary School student Paige Roberts was given the honour of putting a pie in the face of teacher Derek Little, as part of the weeklong activities and events organized by the Rotary Interact Club.

School support shows generosity

The high school is bringing hope to a school thousands of miles away.

With the support of its student body, the Haliburton Highlands Secondary School Rotary Interact Club has raised \$4,057.75, which includes more than \$2,000 raised from Rotary Radio Day in 2010, for the Help A Village Effort

organization.

The money was raised from various activities such as a joust, pie a teacher event, henna tattooing and an opportunity to sample Indian cuisine held during the lunch period this past week, including a buyout on Friday, April 8.

The schools' effort will contribute to the Barachira High School in India, which has slightly more than 1,100 students.

- By Darren Lum

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The Highlands Weekender

April 14, 2011

Author back in the spotlight

Coles'Notes
Catherine Coles
Branch Services Librarian

With this year's cinematic release of *Ramona's*, a film adaptation of Mercedes Richter's witty and incisive book of the same title, the author is now back in the spotlight.

Mercedes Richter, who died in 2003, has been called "the great shining star of his Canadian literary generation." Born and raised in the Mile End neighbourhood of Montreal, an area he would later immortalize in his novels, the acid-witted Richter was a pivotal and controversial figure in recent Canadian history.

Ramona's Version, perhaps Richter's most famous book, is claimed by some to be semi-autobiographical. Written as a memoir article from the perspective of Ramona's niece, it is a hilarious and poignant look at the author's life.

Wine, Words, Music and Art

The eighth annual Evening of Wine, Words, Music and Art celebrating the arts in Dorset happens Friday, April 15 with the art, book and CD walkabout starting at 6:30 p.m. and meal.

Refreshments will be provided. The fun takes place at the Dorset Recreation Centre, 1011 Main Street, Dorset. Contact Melissa Adams at 705-766-9966, dw@wqmag.com.

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- Fleming College students art show on Saturday
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March brought a mixed bag of weather

by Phil Graham

Special to the Times

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Average High:	2.4	36.3
Average Low:	-4	23.7
Average for the month:	-2.2	27.5
Average for last March:	2.7	36.8
Highest temp (17th):	12	53.6
Lowest temp (3rd):	-26.5	-15.7
Snow:	48 cm/ 18 in	
Rain:	38.2 mm/ 15.6 in	
Total precipitation:	84.2 mm/ 33. in	
Days with snow and rain:	9	
Days Sunny:	14	

March was a changeable month. The first half was still winter with lots of snow and flurries. The last of the month was quite sunny and had cold nights. The average high temperature this month was -2.2°C, last March it was 2.7°C. It seems last year was a bit warmer. At least we have two summers ahead of us and only one winter.

Poet Tree contest winners to be announced at R.D. Lawrence Place

Come join the celebration!

The winners of the Haliburton Highlands Writers' and Editors' Network's annual poetry contest will be announced on Saturday, April 16, at an awards ceremony to be held at R.D. Lawrence Place, 176 Bobcaygeon Rd., in Minden, from 10:30 a.m. to noon.

The winning poets will receive their awards and be asked to read their poems aloud. Substitute readers will be appointed should the winners be unable to attend.

Poems will be placed on the "poet trees" and in a binder, to remain on public display at R.D. Lawrence Place.

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News



New Andre Lapine painting hangs in AJG

Agnes Jamieson Gallery curator Laurie Carmount points out some of the defects in an Andre Lapine painting recently donated to the gallery that will be sent away to a specialty business in Toronto to get patched up. The piece was part of the famous artist's last exhibition in 1946 and was donated to the gallery by the Hilroy paper company, whose founder Roy Hill had been a great collector of Canadian art. The piece will only be on display for a short time before it is shipped off for the meticulous repair work, which may take up to a year. Lapine is buried in Minden and the gallery possesses a number of his works.

Chad Ingram Times staff

MPP Johnson talks numbers over breakfast



MPP Rick Johnson speaks on the provincial budget at a Chamber of Commerce breakfast held on April 7./Angelica Blenich

Angelica Blenich
Staff reporter

Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock MPP Rick Johnson shared some significant numbers with members of the Haliburton Highlands Chamber of Commerce on April 7 at the Pinestone Resort.

During the organization's monthly breakfast Johnson discussed some of the highlights from the provincial government's recently announced budget.

With this budget the government, said Johnson, plans to eliminate the deficit while protecting education and health care.

"This budget builds upon our government's plan to return Ontario's finances to

balance while protecting the gains we have made together," said Johnson.

According to Johnson, 91 per cent of the jobs in the province have been recovered, 84 per cent of which are full time, according to Statistics Canada.

The government is also projecting a GDP growth of 2.4 per cent in 2011 and 2.7 per cent in 2012.

"This year's budget is projecting a deficit of \$16.7 billion for 2010-2011," said Johnson. "This is \$3 billion lower than was projected last year. In addition to posting three balanced budgets, we have over achieved our budget targets in five of the last seven fiscal years."

A comprehensive addiction and mental health strategy is being rolled out by the

province during the next three years, with over \$200 million being invested in the project.

Johnson was asked if the HST has generated more revenue for his government.

"Our [the government's] year end is March 31 so it's hard to say," said Johnson.

A reduction to the HST would have required huge cuts to health care and education, thus hurting Ontario families, said Johnson.

The government's budget works towards creating a strong Ontario, said Johnson, and is a plan he can be proud of.

"Our economy is growing, businesses are investing and creating jobs. Our plan to help Ontarians through the recession and build for the future is working."

Long-time cottager, activist leads local Greens

Jenn Watt
Editor

She calls herself a little pit bull; not an attack dog, but a protector.

Susanne Lauten, 49, was nominated by the federal Green party more than a year ago after she caught the eye of party leader Elizabeth May, who noted her energy and drive.

"I am fiercely protective of the people of this riding and our beautiful habitat," Lauten says, "my instinct is to protect."

Lauten's political side was first brought out by the local fight against uranium mining.

"I was up at our little place on Gull Lake minding my own business," she recalls. "I heard that mining companies were coming from all around the world and exploring for uranium in Haliburton County."

She sympathized with those whose land was staked for exploration without any legal recourse and started the group Cottagers against Uranium Mining.

It was a cause she threw herself into for about a year and the results were fulfilling.

"Together we all managed to get that [staking on private land] changed," she said.

"It gave me such a great feeling of accomplishment"

Elizabeth May had helped Lauten with her campaign and asked Lauten if she would join the Greens in November 2009.



Susanne Lauten, Green party candidate, describes herself as a little pit bull. /Photo submitted

"I had never considered going into politics," said Lauten, a retired small business owner.

But the timing was right; Lauten's husband (and now campaign manager) Michael Sheppard was retiring from a career as a pilot, Sheppard's son had grown up and the couple was readying themselves to move to Haliburton County full time.

Lauten and Sheppard live in Newmarket in the winter and on Gull Lake near Minden the rest of the year.

While they hope to make the county their year-round home, for now, they commute, which is working out well.

Newmarket, Lauten points out, is just 45 minutes from Lindsay and is 30 minutes from Brock, part of the riding she calls "neglected."

"I'm straddling the riding. One foot here [in Minden], one foot there [in Brock]," she says.

The couple have been cottagers on Gull Lake for 15 years, which has given them time to connect with the issues facing Haliburtonians, Lauten said.

"The No. 1 issue that people talk about in Haliburton County ... is their water. Water levels, water quality, water being taken from them," she said.

That and the price of home heating.

"People in Haliburton County are spending a fortune on heating their homes with oil and propane," she said.

Meanwhile, the federal government subsidizes the oil companies while ignoring alternate energy sources.

"Our government has not invested in alternate fuels. The people of Haliburton County are spending huge amounts of money to heat our homes. We're trapped. Our federal government is saying: what's the problem? Don't worry, be happy," she said.

While Lauten is buoyed by an online poll conducted by a Kawartha Lakes newspaper that says the Green party is the second most popular with voters behind the

Conservatives, she understands that if she wins, she'd be amongst a very small group of Greens in the House of Commons.

But even a small presence would be a start.

"It would loosen Stephen Harper's grip on this country [to lose this riding]," she says. "The one thing I hear overwhelmingly ... what they're worried about most is that Stephen Harper will have a majority and what he will do to this country."

Winning a seat would also allow the party a chance to ask the "difficult questions," she said.

She also criticized MP Barry Devolin's flyer practices, calling his regular mail-outs wasteful.

"The Green party, we don't like waste ... the MPs are sending out too many flyers. The average MP spends \$80,000 a year on printing costs for flyers in his or her riding. On top of that is the cost of the postage. Each round of flyers costs about \$6,000 in postage," she said.

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Health care, poverty, key issues for NDP candidate

Jenn Watt
Editor

Poverty and health care are Lyn Edwards's top priorities going into the May 2 federal election.

The NDP candidate lists recruiting doctors, job creation and affordable housing as some of the ways she'd go about bettering the lives of Canadians if elected.

"The clinics and hospitals are just being overrun because we don't have family doctors for Canadians," says Edwards.

A staunch supporter of the NDP for years, Edwards got involved with the party after listening to longtime NDP MP Ed Broadbent speak.

She was a campaigner for a time before deciding to become a candidate herself.



People are just turned off from politics at this time.

— NDP candidate Lyn Edwards

After running in the provincial 2009 election, she got a call from the party asking her to run federally.

"In the summer of 2009 ... Jack Layton started phoning me and asking me to move over to the federal [party]. After some discussion with Jack, the party and my family we decided it would be a good move," she says.

Edwards has more time for politics now

that her four kids are grown. "My children got older I got more and more involved," she says. The political life is a hectic one that often keeps women out of the race.

Edwards said it was a good sign that this campaign had three women candidates out of four running.

"Most women have to nurture their children ... and look after their household needs ... and then you can spend your time in politics after we've done all that," she says.

"When I ran in the [provincial] byelection I was the only woman of nine candidates. Now Barry [Devolin] is the only male of four candidates," she says.

"It shows that, yes, we're making headway in women in leadership roles."

The biggest challenge in this election is engaging the voters, Edwards says.

"People are just turned off from politics at

this time," she says. She's also noticed that parties that normally take a more centrist view are shifting to the left, like the Liberals.

"Quite frankly, the New Democrats have been the party of the people and of social justice since our conception," she says.

"The fact is that Jack Layton started to gain momentum with our initiatives. The Liberals have started copying us."

And as for the claim that this riding is solidly blue, Edwards thinks that's a myth.

"We hear that. When I ran provincially someone said 'we'd vote Conservative if it was Bessie the cow,'" she laughs, noting the riding didn't vote Conservative last time, electing a Liberal instead.

Edwards has worked for the City of Kawartha Lakes for 19 years. She's an administrative assistant for its fire service and lives near Oakwood.

Algonquin Highlands bristles at being left out of decision

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The minutes said the plan had been given the thumbs up from Lake of Bays council.

It didn't jive with Algonquin Highlands councillors so well.

"There's no question that the projects themselves are really good," Reeve Carol Moffatt said, adding that, as has happened in the past, the group has gone ahead and made plans in consultation with Lake of Bays, without getting input from Algonquin Highlands.

Moffatt said she knew that some viewed Algonquin Highlands councillors as nay-sayers or feet-draggers, but said this was not the case and emphasized her council was its own entity, operating separately and differently than Lake of Bays.

"We can't be expected to do the same things they do," she said.

Council expressed concerns with the plan, which also including asking Algonquin Highlands to relieve taxes on the property.

This, Moffatt said, was not even legal and said it would mean the township absorbing the taxation, which she called a slippery slope to go down.

Moffatt's bigger concern was what would happen with the proposed playground at the end of the 10-year lease if the group was

not able to come up with the money to buy the property.

That would mean suddenly taking a playground away from a whole generation of children who had grown up using it, the reeve said, something she found to be unfair.

It would also mean taking away parking and public washrooms, both amenities that Dorset desperately needs.

Moffatt's fear was that, a decade from now, Algonquin Highlands council would purchase the property out of guilt.

"I think it's a bit of a hostage-taking," she said.

The group had proposed building the playground in the community's common park, and while trails coordinator Mark Coleman had said the location that had been proposed by the group raised a number of safety concerns for him, he said last week he had other sites within the park in mind that would work.

Coleman will be taking these suggestions to the group.

The township once owned the former school property, but sold it to a developer for \$275,000. The development project was to help bolster Dorset's business community, but never came to fruition.

"There was good intent," said chief administrative officer Angie Bird.

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SO, ANOTHER ELECTION will be upon us in less than a month, dear readers.

I know I've done my whole rant about why we should all vote before and perhaps I should just save it this time around.

But I won't.

Make sure you go out and vote in the federal election.

Please?

It's important.

It's a right that is neglected far too often.

Not a right, but a privilege, my grandfather used to tell me. There

are many people in many countries that don't get to choose their government.

To me, for citizens of a democratic country, voting is a responsibility. We should feel as obligated to go to a polling station as we do to go to work.

Sure, just like with actual jobs, some of us will be more excited to go than others, but if we didn't go to work, society as we've come to know it would fall apart.

If we don't vote, we don't get an accurate version of what we want the country to be.

If no one voted, society as we've come to know it would fall apart.

In fact, the government should introduce an apathy tax.

If you don't vote, it should cost you \$100. Then, the government should take all this cash acquired from non-voters, put in a big pile and set it on fire in a national broadcast.

Bet voter turnout would skyrocket in the following election.

I know some newspapers endorse certain candidates, trying to tell you how you should vote.

That's not going to happen here.

Truth is, dear readers, I don't care how you vote.

That's up to you.

I just care that you do vote.

And, if you're reading this, chances are you're interested enough that you do.

But talk to your friends and family members. If they're not planning to vote, tell them why they should.

Tell them you heard the government is instituting a new tax.

There is still plenty of opportunity to get educated on the candidates, including an all-candidates' meeting tonight, April 13, at the Fleming College at 7 p.m.



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letters to the editor



Richard Bradley took this photo of an otter on Moore Lake April 10.

Otter returns

To the Editor,

I am pleased to attach a picture taken on Sunday, April 10, of an Otter that was eating fish on the ice of Moore Lake. This is a great sign that I feel demonstrates that life has indeed returned to pretty much normal in the eco-system of our lake since the catastrophic 1,400 litre heating oil spill that occurred a few years ago. Let's hope such an event never happens again on any of our lakes; I am sure the otter would agree with me.

Richard Bradley
Moore Falls

Congratulations Minden on a job well done!

To the Editor,

Recently I was in Minden for the Timbits Elementary School Curling Championship and I wanted to congratulate the committee and the town on a job well done. This is my sixth and last year at this event as my daughter graduates this year and I wanted to tell you that we enjoyed being in Minden. I was the coach of the Seaforth Public School Team #1 and I was very impressed with the level of organization both leading up to the event and during the event. The web page kept me informed in the months before as did the emails and the event was run very smoothly. Thank you very much for hosting such an important event in the lives of young curlers. It is very much appreciated by many.

Tracy Schelken - Coach
Seaforth

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points of view

Best-stressed

ALMOST EVERYONE I know has been dealing with high levels of stress lately. And, I suppose, this is no wonder.

We all have deadlines to meet, commitments to live up to, tax forms to file, bills to pay, emails, text messages and phone calls to answer. Moreover, employers are expecting more out of us (and often for less). The end result is that we're all stretched so thin that there's never enough time or money to do any one job the way we know it should be done.

And so the stress builds and builds.

But, I think at any given time, it would also be wise for each of us to remember that there's always a job out there that would redefine your definition of stress.

For instance, changing the diapers of twin baby boys immediately comes

to mind – especially if you happen to be wearing a white shirt and are late for an important meeting. And, if you think that's just about as bad as it gets, you obviously haven't substituted the word adult for baby boy.

Of course, there are other far more stressful jobs. Imagine if you had to routinely do dental work on tranquilized lions? Or give enemas to constipated elephants? And how would you feel if you just got a job as the assistant to a cross-eyed knife thrower?

Then again, none of those jobs could compare to the stress levels inherent in making protest placards in Iran or North Korea. Or of trying to sell nuclear

power anywhere but Iran or North Korea.

It could be even worse: your job could be marketing a chain of vegetarian grocery stores in Texas. Or trying to sell toboggans in Ecuador.

And how relaxed do you think Gaddaffi's body double feels? Or Donald Trump's hair stylist when he's running low on red dye #6?

And what about that soldier who is assigned to find land mines on a windy day in a coconut grove? Or the guy who once made a living

starting Yasser Arafat's car every morning?

And if you think all that's bad, I humbly submit the stress of writing this col-

umn every week. If you think it's easy, you haven't sat an hour in my pajamas.

The point is there are always jobs that are more stressful than the one you now face. That's not belittling your stress – just putting it in a little more perspective.

For example, just this morning I decided it was high time I visited my mother. And though I love her dearly, I thought that I had surely discovered the Holy Grail of stressful. Minutes later, however, a friend called to say that he was visiting his mother-in-law on that very same day.

Obviously, his level of anxiety trumps mine. More importantly, it proves that when it comes to stress, sometimes it's all relative.

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Steve Galea
Beyond 35

Sapped

TO TELL YOU THE TRUTH, I yearn for an ordinary day. Not your kind of ordinary day. My kind of ordinary day.

Up in the morning at 7:30, listening to the eight o'clock news, breakfast in two acts with a dog walk at intermission, yesterday's *Globe* with my oatmeal . . .

Lunch later, dinner at dusk, another dog walk or two, maybe some wood-chopping or wildflowering, a trip into town for groceries and the mail, visits with friends, dinner for two . . .

Maybe just standing on the edge of the valley of the Gull with The Brown Dog Jiggs, looking at mist rise from the river in the morning or on the front stoop at midnight, listening to the coyotes yip-yap.

But there are no ordinary days in maple syrup time. Maple takes charge of everything, gets you up in the morning, puts you to bed the next morning.

No time to eat properly, no time for three squares. No time for dog walks, though Jiggs is with me constantly, even in the sugar shack where dogs are illegal because food is being processed there.

No dedicated dog walks. The Brown Dog knows the difference and just being

in the woods together doesn't pass muster. At dusk, he still waits hopefully for his walk.

No time for regrets. No regrets, in fact, because this is the very best time of year in the best place in the world and we have worked through a season of maple abundance, doing what I love while I watch April peel off winter's white.

So no regrets. Has there never been a time on a long trip when you found yourself wondering what the world was looking like through your living-room window back home, pined for Peter Mansbridge?

Have you never been working on a big project, doing exactly what you wanted to do and filling your life with accomplishments, when the idea of a trout stream or a porch swing intruded on your thoughts?

In another life, the Stanley Cup playoffs would take me on the road for two months every spring. It was as much of an endurance test as syruping.

Some days I would sit in an airplane

seat, too tired to fall asleep, and visions of Haliburton would dance before my bloodshot eyes, though the plane seat was where I wanted to be and the next

town was where I wanted to go.

Now in retirement, I am almost at the end of maple for 2011. Maybe the sap ran yesterday, perhaps today, and then that will be it. And I will feel wistful at the end of it. I always do for this is the start of a New Year on Sapsucker Ridge.

The sun finds a new angle to warm my days. Leeks poke through the leaf duff. Geese gabble on one pond. Ducks quack on another. Peepers begin to peep.

Time for a cleanup. Time to bar the kitchen door to The Brown Dog, whose mudprints decorate the vinyl. Time for a dump run. Time for a month's worth of laundry, time to wash out the maple crusting my work clothes.

Another week or so to go, taking down spiles and buckets, washing up, bottling, washing up, labelling, washing up, sorting out the sugar shack, wash-



Neil Campbell
Back of Beyond

ing up, but on my own schedule now, not marching to maple's beat. No more three nights adding up to 10 hours' sleep.

Jiggs suns himself in the periwinkles. Daffodils are just up in my yard and crocuses bloom on a lawn I know well. Trout lilies will be along any day to get in their year's work before the trees leaf out. Trilliums and bellworts, spring beauties and squirrel corn, all in good time.

All in good time, The Brown Dog and I will set out together on the long walks he loves, check out the lilacs on the old farmstead across the road, startle turkeys among the Colman pits, one day wander as far as Claude Brown Road.

One July morning The Brown Dog and I will wander among the sugar maples on the spine of Sapsucker Ridge. Jiggs will sniff and raise a leg and I will begin to plan for the spring of 2012.

A collection of Neil Campbell's columns, Cell Phones and Sap Buckets, is available in stores across Haliburton County.

neilcampbell@xplornet.ca

Both *Minden Times* columnists Steve Galea and Neil Campbell are award-winning writers. Winning the OCNA's best humour columnist and best overall columnist respectively.

letters

This is an important election

To the Editor,

Today people are fighting and dying to rid themselves of an oppressive form of dictatorship; they can only dream of having a democracy.

Democracies only work if an informed electorate make informed choices when they vote.

When asking people their opinions on the upcoming election, I get answers like, "Why vote? It makes no difference anyway," or, "I don't follow politics; politicians are all liars anyway."

I don't believe Jack Layton or Michael Ignatieff are liars. The reason this election was called was because the Harper govern-

ment was withholding information and misinforming Parliament.

It would appear that the Harper government, if they had a majority, would prefer to run a fascist form of governance.

The Canadian standard of living has been dropping precipitously in the last 15 years, while the present government hands billions of our taxpayer dollars to the richest corporations; this doesn't have to be.

The upcoming election could be the most important of our time.

Jeff Pinney
Minden

How to make elections fair

To the Editor,

A friend told me the other day that he could not vote in this election because his party had "got in bed with the Bloc." I asked him if it would help if he had a ballot in two parts, one side to vote for a local candidate and the other for a national party. It would not.

I didn't have the wit to say that perhaps we owed the Bloc a vote of thanks for their behaviour in the Coalition Crisis of 2008, if it needs such a grand title. The Bloc agreed to support a policy of fiscal stimulus to overcome the credit restraint that threatened to close big industries in Ontario. The Conservatives at the time were dithering around this and were only forced to move when a Liberal and NDP coalition threatened to take over government.

Of course my friend is fixated on animosity towards the Bloc, which it seems many outside Quebec share. He didn't take the time to contemplate a possible solution, a more proportional

number of MPs in the House according to party. If only 38 per cent of the votes in Quebec supported the Bloc, how is it right or good for that party to get 50 of 75 seats, 67 per cent of the seats?

But how do you get the Bloc to accept a more proportional number of MPs, especially when other parties in other provinces get similar bonuses? Well, there is a Supreme Court case currently being considered by the justices that asserts this is not fair and perhaps contrary to the Canadian Bill of Rights for some people to have more effective, exaggerated representation than others.

We must do more than hope, however, that the Supreme Court will push us out of an impasse. Look for possible solutions at www.fairvote.ca.

Jim Milne
Haliburton

Learn how to save a life

The Heart and Stroke Foundation, in partnership with Haliburton County EMS, the Municipality of Algonquin Highlands and Royal Canadian Legion Branch 129 is making it easy for Haliburton County residents to learn cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR).

There are two free public CPR skills and AED awareness events taking place. The first will be held on Thursday, May 5 from 7 to 9 p.m. at the Dorset Recreational Centre located at 1051 Main Street in Dorset. To register, contact Melissa Alfano at 705-766-9968 or drc@algonquinhighlands.ca. The second session will take place on Thursday, May 12 from 7 to 9 p.m. at the Royal Canadian Legion, Haliburton Branch 129 located at 719 Mountain Street in Haliburton. To register, contact Maureen Brown at 705-457-1616.

Participants who register will receive a free Heart and Stroke Foundation CPR Anytime™ Family & Friends™ kit (valued at \$40, one per family). Everyone who completes the course will receive a CPR participation card.

According to the Heart and Stroke Foundation, approximately 45,000 sudden cardiac arrests occur each year, the majority of which occur either at home or in public places. In Ontario alone, approximately 7,000 out-of-hospital cardiac arrests occur annually. For every minute that passes without help, a person's chance of surviving a cardiac arrest drops by seven per cent to 10 per cent. Learning CPR is easy and inexpensive and it could mean saving

the life of a friend or family member. When defibrillation is applied with CPR in the first few minutes, it can dramatically improve cardiac arrest victim's chance of survival by up to 75 per cent.

"The Heart and Stroke Foundation urges all Canadians to learn CPR. The more people trained, the greater the chance of keeping a person who is experiencing cardiac arrest alive until an ambulance arrives," says Tyler Moon, community mission specialist, Heart and Stroke Foundation of Ontario. "You don't need to be a doctor to help save a life."

"We hope as many people as possible can attend this free CPR training clinic," says Larry Blanchard, manager, quality assurance and education, Haliburton County Emergency Medical Services. "Statistics indicate, and I know from my own experience on the job, that CPR and AEDs can make the difference between life and death. The more people in our community with these life-saving skills, the more lives may be saved."

The Heart and Stroke Foundation of Canada sets the Canadian guidelines for CPR, defibrillation and other aspects of emergency cardiovascular care in Canada. This free CPR training clinic is sponsored by the Heart and Stroke Foundation of Ontario in partnership with Haliburton County EMS, the Municipality of Algonquin Highlands and Royal Canadian Legion Branch 129.

The ugly truth about Ontario's hydro rates – part 2

As I mentioned briefly in my previous letter, so-called "smart meters" are being installed across the province of Ontario at a cost of nearly \$1 billion (parts and labour) funded by supplemental charges to our hydro bills. Thousands of Ontarians have complained that their hydro bills have skyrocketed since the installation of these meters, even before time-of-use billing went into effect. So far, complainants only receive snarky and insulting comments from hydro staff who field their calls. This is usually a sign that the staff is overwhelmed by repeated complaints and frustrated at their inability to provide intelligent or plausible answers.

There are two class actions underway in the U.S., launched by angry utility customers who have the same complaints. According to the proceedings there, improper installation in some cases and a problem with the remote reading feature in other cases, have led to excessive billing. If found liable, Pacific Gas and Electric of California and Oncor of Texas will have to repay millions of dollars to their customers. In their wisdom, our provincial leaders have chosen to import the same meters that are the subject of this legal action, manufactured by a company called Landis & Gyr.

Landis&Gyr is a foreign corporation based in Zug, Switzerland, a small tax-haven city where more than 30,000 corporations have established their worldwide head offices. Yet the city has only 23,000 inhabitants ... How is this possible? Well, it turns out that most of these corporations have only established their head offices there on paper, to evade taxes. Most have no employees there, only a small satellite office or post office box.

So, under the current Liberal government in Ontario, the province has taken almost a billion dollars of our money to export hundreds of good jobs to a foreign tax-dodging company that doesn't pay a nickel of taxes in Ontario, to acquire meters which they will use to grab a bigger piece of our family budgets, and, all the while, try to make us feel like we are to blame for our escalating hydro bills. All of this started while George Smitherman was at the helm of the Ministry of Energy and Infrastructure (thank God he failed in his bid to become mayor of Toronto), cheered on by his boss, Dalton McGuinty.

And one more thing ... For the last few years, you have probably noticed an adjustment line on your hydro bills where your actual usage is boosted by a certain percentage. If you question Hydro One about this, they will explain that this adjustment is to cover the cost of "line loss" (electricity lost along the delivery path). This issue seems to be unique to Ontario... Take a closer look and you will see that some of the other charges on your bill are usage-based, such as the delivery charges. This means that a portion of the delivery charges are for electricity that was never delivered to us. And, we are of course paying that beloved HST on that undelivered power. No, this is not a remake of *Dumb and Dumber*, that 1994 flick with Jim Carey ... This is your government at work ...

Call it indifference, arrogance or just plain incompetence, it doesn't really matter. It would all be laughable if we weren't talking about our money.

Wendy Aubry
Algonquin Highlands

Correction

In the March 30 *Minden Times*, a typo was inserted into a letter by Wendy Aubry indicating the Liberals took office in 2005. That date was 2003, as was correctly stated in Aubry's original letter.

Email your letter to the editor to
editor@mindentimes.ca

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ZUMBA: Zumba is 6pm only on Mondays. Tuesday/Thursday it is Zumba Gold (lo-impact) at 6pm and Zumba at 7pm Minden Community Centre 7:00 P.M. \$5.00

Roller Derby Mondays @ 7:00pm (after Zumba) – 10 week program/pre-registration required.

Line Dancing with Chris Wilde - 8 week program \$75.00 + HST

New Location at the Minden Community Centre
Tuesdays 10:00am-12:00pm, April 12 – May 31, 2011
To register call Cammy @ 705-286-1936 ext. 200

MINDEN FIRE FIGHTER'S 2011 Cash Calendar Winners! Congratulations!

Jessica Tomlinson
Sandy Ellis

NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Section 34(1) of the Municipal Act, R.S.O. 2001, S.O. 2001 c.25 as amended, that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Minden Hills proposes to consider, and if deemed advisable, to pass at its regular meeting to be held in the Municipal Council Chambers on Milne Street, Minden, Ontario, on April 28, 2011 at the hour of 10:00 a.m., by-laws to stop up, close and convey those parcels of land more particularly described as follows:-

- File No. SRA-10-09
Applicant – **VRDOLJAK: Nikola**
Part of the original shore road allowance along the shore of Twelve Mile Lake, lying in front of Lot 8, Concession 10, geographic Township of Minden, designated as Part 2 on a Plan of Survey 19R-9262, registered March 11, 2011.
 - File No. SRA-10-10
Applicant – **VRDOLJAK: Nikola**
Part of the original shore road allowance along the shore of Twelve Mile Lake, lying in front of Lot 9, Concession 11, geographic Township of Minden, designated as Part 2 on a Plan of Survey 19R-9261, registered March 11, 2011.
- The above noted plans of survey are available for inspection in the Building and Planning Department located at 7 Milne Street, Minden, Ontario during regular office hours.

AND FURTHER TAKE NOTICE that before passing the said by-laws at the meeting to be held at the time and place above-mentioned, the Council shall then and there, hear in person or by his or her counsel, solicitor or agent, any person who claims that his or her land will be prejudicially affected by the said by-laws and who applies to be heard.

DATED AT THE Township of Minden Hills, this 13th day of April, 2011.

Elinor Kernohan, AMCT, CMM, ACST
Planning Administrator

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

The Township of Minden Hills is seeking proposals for the Review of its Official Plan under the Planning Act.
A copy of the Request for Proposal is available for download on the Township of Minden Hills website at <http://www.seodevspace.com/mindenpub/notices.html>.
Interested applicants should submit their completed proposals no later than 12:00 noon, April 20th, 2011 (opening 12:15 pm - 2nd floor boardroom) local time to:

Ken Jones, P. Eng., CBCO, CMMII
Chief Building Official/Planning Supervisor
Township of Minden Hills
7 Milne Street, P.O. Box 359
Minden, Ontario KOM 2KO

SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING

Called for April 14th, 2011 following COTW/General Committee Meeting for a) Purchase of a fire truck for the Minden Hills Fire Department; b) Disabled Parking By-law

MEETINGS AND EVENTS

April 14 th	10 am COTW/General Committee – Council Chambers / Special Council Meeting
April 14 th	5 pm Economic Development Advisory Committee (Rotary Rm MH Library)
April 17 th	Last Sunday for public skating for season
April 19 th	7:30 pm Events Committee - MH Council Chambers
April 22 nd	7 pm Irondale Community Centre Committee - Irondale Cmt Ctr
April 22 nd /25 th	Good Friday and Easter Monday – Admin Offices closed and Cultural Centre closed
April 24 th	Grass Creek Highlands Cup Challenge Tourny
April 28 th	10 am Council – Council Chambers
April 28 th	7 pm Lochlin Community Centre Committee
May 10 th	10 am Roads Committee - Lutterworth Office

The Township of Minden Hills Community Services Department is inviting quotes for the supply of hanging baskets for placement in downtown Minden this summer. Vendors are asked to quote on the supply of twenty-eight (28) 18" hanging baskets with fibre liners containing wave petunias in pink, purple and white ready for installation June 1, 2011.

Quotations must be emailed to rcox@mindenhills.ca or faxed to 705-286-3070 by 12:00 pm on April 15, 2011. Included with the quote, please include list contact information for a reference from at least one municipality for a similar service.



Museum Series by Adam Matak - Agnes Jamieson Gallery Exhibition March 31 - May 14
Matak's exhibition involves paintings and life-size cutouts of people in a cartoon style. A brilliant study of human nature as seen in a museum setting.

Call for Poetry!!!!
Annual Poet Trees Project - HHWEN Poetry Contest
April 10 **new submission deadline**
April 16 10:30 am Awards Celebration
R.D. Lawrence Place

To Kill A Mockingbird - Novel To Screen

April 13 RDLP at 2pm
Admission by Donation
To Kill A Mockingbird is often cited as one of the best screen adaptations of a novel ever made so we will kick off the new Novel to Screen Club with this classic starring Gregory Peck. The screening will be at 2pm, followed by a discussion. Admission/popcorn by donation. There will be bidding for a 50th anniversary DVD double disc set of the movie as well. If you can not attend but would like more information about up-coming movies, want to request a movie or an evening time, please call 286-2298 or email

What is Twitter, Facebook, online publishing and new media?
April 14 at RDLP from 12 to 2pm

Lunch and learn all about social media like Facebook, Twitter and other new media and find out how to use new media. Cost is \$5.

SUMMER JOBS

THE TOWNSHIP OF MINDEN HILLS IS LOOKING FOR ENTHUSIASTIC AND ENERGETIC SUMMER STUDENTS FOR THE MINDEN HILLS CULTURAL CENTRE.

To be eligible, candidates must be able to start in early May and enrolling in post secondary studies in the fall. Further details are available on our website www.mindenhills.ca under Employment. Job descriptions are also available on the Township website or may be picked up at the Municipal Office, 7 Milne Street, (Pritchard Lane entrance), Minden. Sealed envelopes enclosing résumés and a cover letter clearly indicating which department is being applied for should be dropped off at the Township Office or mailed to: P.O. Box 359, 7 Milne Street, Minden, ON KOM 2KO

Application deadline is 12:00 Noon
Wed., April 20, 2011

Registration

Wednesday April 6, 7-9pm
Minden Community Centre
Saturday, April 23, 9am-noon
Minden Hills Cultural Centre

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Wednesday April 6
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Cost: \$30 per player

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All games are Monday Nights
Season starts May 30, ends August 22
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Fire Restrictions

From April 1st to October 31st in any year is "Fire Season". During Fire Season, no person shall start a fire outdoors for the purpose of burning piled wood, brush, leaves or discarded wood products unless:

- the fire is started two (2) hours before sunset, or later, and is extinguished two (2) hours after sunrise, and
- a responsible person is available to tend the fire until it is extinguished, and
- the material burned is in a single pile that is less than two (2) metres in diameter and less than two (2) metres high, and
- the fire is at least two (2) metres from any flammable materials, and
- the person tending the fire has adequate tools and or water available to contain the fire.

Any persons setting an outdoor fire shall be responsible for any damage to property or injury to persons, and be liable for all costs incurred by the Fire Department.

If you require further information on these regulations, Fire Chief, Doug Schell, may be contacted at the Fire Hall at 286-1202 for further clarification.

A total ban against outdoor burning may be declared when atmospheric conditions or local circumstances warrant it. Such a ban will be posted at the Tourist Information Centre, located on Highway 35 in Minden, and at area businesses. It is YOUR responsibility to be aware of fire bans.



Please see page 31 for other notices

IN THE EVENT OF A TOWNSHIP
RELATED EMERGENCY AFTER HOURS,
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FOR ALL OTHER EMERGENCIES DIAL 9-1-1

AH noise complaints getting louder

Chad Ingram
Staff reporter

Algonquin Highlands councillors want to amp up the township's noise bylaw.

In recent years, complaints of noise at night, particularly related to fireworks, have been on the rise.

"People seem these days to have no inhibitions," said Councillor Gary Schultz at council's April 7 meeting, emphasizing that fireworks no longer seem to be just for special occasions, but are a regular occurrence.

"We do need to do something with the noise bylaw," said Reeve Carol Moffatt, adding that often, such bylaws lack

teeth.

Bylaw enforcement officer Mitch O'Grady said the bylaw, which is in effect 24 hours a day, seven days a week, needs to include more specifics, especially with days and times, if it is to be more effective.

Enforcement of the noise bylaw is difficult, not only because by the time bylaw staff arrive the perpetrators may be gone, but also because it often means walking into situations late at night.

O'Grady said he will often call the police to go along with him to raucous situations and said responses he's received in the past have been more than colourful.

One incident involving noise at Halls Lake last year even

resulted in physical violence.

While O'Grady said fines for violating the noise bylaw are often appealed and the onus is on the township to prove beyond a reasonable doubt the bylaw was violated, the fine is a whopping \$375; a pretty good deterrent, he figures.

O'Grady will be bringing a report regarding changes to the noise bylaw back to council.

Maple Lake landfill expansion approved

Chad Ingram
Staff reporter

The following are brief reports from an Algonquin Highlands council meeting held April 7.

After eight years, Algonquin Highlands has been granted approval for an expansion of the Maple Lake landfill.

The approval process has required the completion of many studies for the environment ministry.

"This is a big, important step for the future of our township," public works director Brian Whetstone told councillors.

While it had been estimated the expansion would give the site and additional 25 years of waste disposal capacity, Whetstone said with increasingly efficient waste disposal practices, he guessed it would actually mean extending the life of the landfill by as much as 35 years.

The expansion will mean a relocation of some of the facility's buildings and Whetstone's department will be getting underway with plans.

"This is our chance to build a state-of-the-art facility in the County of Haliburton," Whetstone said, emphasizing the township would need to allot money in its 2012 budget for the project.

Budget passed

Algonquin Highlands councillors passed the township's 2011 budget, which includes total operating costs of more than \$8 million, \$3.5 million of which will be raised through taxation. Council also approved a three per cent cost-of-living increase in benefits and wages for township employees, a motion voted against by Councillor Gary Schultz. The wage grid for employees is available on the township's website as part of the April 7 agenda. As far as council remuneration, the reeve will be paid approximately \$24,500 for the year; the deputy-reeve approximately \$19,600 and councillors approximately \$16,500 each.

Staff gaps filled

Council approved the hiring of three new employees. Laurie Devolin is the township's new deputy chief building official and bylaw officer; Dawn Newhook is the new clerk/planning administrator; and former Dysart et al chief administrative officer Tammy McKelvey is the new treasurer. The township has been short-staffed for many months.

Claridge severance denied

Councillors denied the a property severance application from the Claridge family, whose property is adjacent to the Stanhope Airport. The fate of the airport expansion project is as yet unclear and as has become clear, there are other development options - Reeve Carol Moffatt has called them "irons in the fire" - the township is looking at.

Trees on the Claridge property could be affected by the township's aerial easements rights and Moffatt said it was premature to grant the application when there is a possibility a purchaser of the severed property could have a number of their trees taken down.

Deputy-reeve Liz Danielsen voted against denying the severance.



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Who patrols Oxtongue Lake?

Chad Ingram
Staff reporter

Police patrolling issues in Oxtongue Lake will hopefully be cleared up as members of Algonquin Highlands council plan to meet with the representatives from the Huntsville OPP detachment.

Haliburton Highlands OPP Staff Sgt. Malcolm Quigley, who is putting together a new business plan for his detachment, was in Algonquin Highlands council chambers on April 7 to talk about councillors' policing concerns.

Because of its position at the very northern tip of the township, the area of Oxtongue Lake falls under the jurisdiction of both the Huntsville and Haliburton detachments.

Councillor Gary Schultz has expressed concern in the past that this causes confusion and perhaps a police presence that is lower than it should be.

"There is that grey area," he said, referring to County Road 12 and wondering, specifically, where the Huntsville patrol area ended and the Haliburton patrol area began.

"I couldn't give you the definities lines," Quigley said, adding the boundaries had been defined verbally. "Maybe we need to firm those up."

Schultz said it was his understanding that Algonquin Highlands council had never had any direct communication with the

Hunstville detachment and Quigley said he would try to initiate contact.

Quigley was also in chambers to discuss how Algonquin Highlands would spend its enhanced visibility funding this year.

Like other townships in the county, Algonquin Highlands pays \$2,500 a year for extra police patrols and councillors spoke with Quigley about how they would like to see that money spent.

Marine patrols and especially extra police for traffic control at the Dorset tower during the fall foliage frenzy seemed to be the order of the day.

Last year, the township ended up going over budget on its enhanced policing costs since there was so much traffic at the tower.

Quigley suggested the issue may have to be addressed with a long-term strategy, rather than through the enhanced visibility program.

"I don't see it getting easier to manage . . . I see it growing in popularity," he said.

Councillor Gord Henderson said along with the problems of traffic management at the tower, he had concerns about activities on ATV trails and wanted to make sure riders were following the rules.

Deputy-reeve Liz Danielsen said she had concerns about speeding along North Shore Road and Councillor Lisa Barry with the high number of break-and-enters that seem to occur in the former Stanhope township after cottagers leave for the season.



***The Trapper* stands watch over Gull**

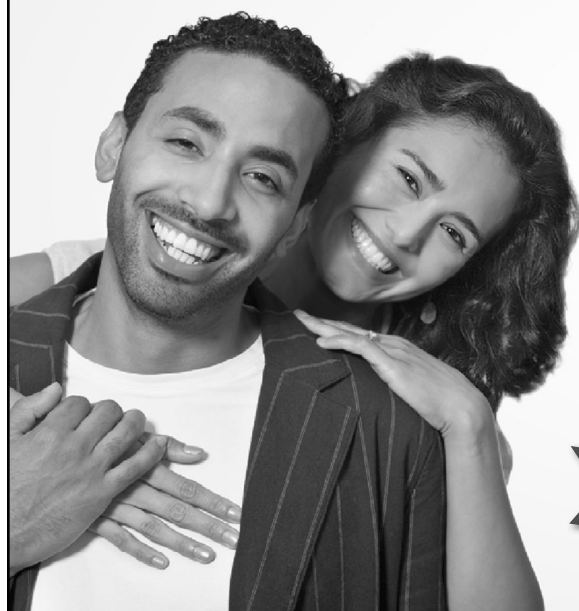
Another carving was installed along Minden's Riverwalk last week. *The Trapper*, by carver Neil Cox, pays homage to Minden's history and is located along Invergordon Avenue close to St. Paul's Anglican Church. It was paid for through the Haliburton County Development Corporation. Pictured from left are Riverwalk committee members Roy Haig and Cheryl Murdoch, Andy Campbell of HCDC, committee member Laura Cunliffe and Alma Catalan vanderWindt of the Carving Gallery, which coordinated the project, and her son Jaden.

Chad Ingram
Times staff

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Minden firefighters play for Taylor family

Centre, Dysart fire department fire chief Miles Maughan, who came out of retirement after not playing goal since he was a teen, battles to see the puck against Minden fire department fire chief Doug Schell at the benefit game for the Taylor family at the Dysart Arena on Saturday, April 9. The game raised close to \$700 for the family. Father and husband, Stuart Taylor was paralyzed late last year.

Darren Lum Times staff



Community centre's kitchen expansion on horizon

Chad Ingram
Staff reporter

If all goes according to Algonquin Highlands council's plan, the Dorset Recreation Centre will have a new kitchen before long.

A group of citizens has been planning and fundraising for a kitchen expansion at the centre for years, but breakdowns in communication between the group and the township in the past have meant the project has never come to fruition.

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At their meeting April 7, councillors met with Clint MacKay, part of the group of Dorset residents that has raised \$25,000 for the kitchen expansion.

"Most people's kitchen in their home is as big [as the kitchen at the centre]," MacKay said, explaining the group had applied to the transportation ministry for an expansion.

The group requested an addition of 20 feet stretching towards Hwy. 35, MacKay said, which would mean the addition's outer wall would sit 80 feet from the highway and would in no way interfere with any highway or bridge work the MTO may have to do in the area.

MacKay said the group's first application had been turned down by the MTO's Huntsville district office, but that with some phone calls, had made its way further up the chain to the office in North Bay.

There was no response from the North Bay office, MacKay said.

Reeve Carol Moffatt noted the complicated history of the project and said while at some point in time there seems to have been a commitment of funds from the township, no such funds exist.

Moffatt said it was time for the township and the group to cooperate and get the expansion approved.

"This is not rocket science, we should be able to move this forward," she said. "A lot of the issues are about process."

Moffatt said letters to the province should be coming from the township and not citizens, but said that if the township is unsuccessful in getting an expansion approved by the MTO, she would like there to be some sort of backup plan in place.

"If that doesn't work, can we just upgrade what's there?" she asked, suggested acquiring the services of a professional designer to redesign the space.

MacKay said he didn't feel comfortable making any commitment to a Plan B with money that had come from various parties until he had the consent of those parties.

Councillor Gary Schultz suggested getting MPPs and MPs on board (Dorset sits partly in Haliburton County and partly in Muskoka District) to help get the application approved.

MacKay will act the liaison between the citizen group and council.

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Pet resort opens its doggy doors

Chad Ingram
Staff reporter

Minden has a new resort, but there are no tennis courts or satellite television.

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The Minden Pet Clinic recently opened its doors, which are located on the lower floor of the Minden Animal Hospital off Bobcaygeon Road.

Owner and vet Dr. Carol Sanio said her reason for opening the resort was simple.

"Because we get calls every day for boarding and there are no boarding facilities around here," Sanio said, seated in the resort's bright common room last week.

While there are some individuals in the county who will house animals, as far as she knows, the closest kennels are an hour's drive away, in Bracebridge, Huntsville and the Lindsay area.

A year's worth of renovations to her clinic's lower floor have transformed into a facility with dog runs, caging, a bathtub and a common room for play.

There are outdoor runs and a yard out back.

Owners of dogs, cats and birds who may wish to have their pets looked after while they're at work can leave them at the resort for day-care or pets are welcome to stay for an extended visit.

"It's where your dogs go to play when you're away," Sanio says.

Some of the area's accommodations don't allow animals in their rooms, so Sanio is hoping that vacationers will also take advantage of the service.

"We have an extra room for cats if they don't like dogs," she said.

The resort will also include grooming services and obedience classes in the near future.

Unneutered male dogs are welcome to stay at the resort, but must first do a trial run, since they can be aggressive.

"We'd have to try them for a day," Sanio said, added it would also entail an extra fee and that dogs must have their vaccinations.

Unspayed females are not welcome.

Puppy socialization and basic behaviour and obedience classes begin May 19.

For more information, call the resort at 705-286-1200.



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Minden vet Dr. Carol Sanio plays with one of her dogs at her newly opened Minden Pet Resort. Dogs, cats and birds can stay during the day while their owners are at work or for extended visits. The resort will eventually offer grooming services and obedience classes as well.

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Hike supports county's hospice volunteers

Jenn Watt
Editor

Volunteering with Haliburton's hospice program has been an enlightening experience for Sue Maxwell.

The former educator has been with the organization since 2007 and in that time has learned much from her clients, their families and the other hospice workers and volunteers.

"I gleaned so much from these families," Maxwell says.

Since beginning her time with the SIRCH program, she has helped a 30-year-old woman with a terminal disease and her family as well as an older woman coping with a life-limiting illness and the death of her son.

"She couldn't use her stove with her limitations," Maxwell says, so part of her volunteer time was taken up baking with her client.

The pair were together from 2007 to this past fall, when the woman passed away.

The hospice experience has been so fulfilling to Maxwell that she jumped on board the Hike for Hospice organizing committee and is now the co-chairperson.

"I saw the hike as an opportunity to raise awareness," she says.

Kicking off National Palliative Hospice Week, Haliburton's Hike for Hospice on April 30 will raise money for the program, its volunteer training and library.

Last year, the hike brought in nearly \$20,000.

There are 48 volunteers with SIRCH's hospice program and 93 clients in the county.

One of the myths about hospice, Maxwell says, is that the experience is overwhelming for volunteers.

"One of the misperceptions is that it's onerous and very difficult. With the training you get and the people you meet within the training ... it's such a learning experience. It helps you personally and as a group of volunteers to handle difficult situations."

Hike for Hospice will be held at the Haliburton high school with two walking loops to choose from: one kilometre on the school track or five kms around Head Lake. Registration begins at 10:15 a.m. with the hike starting at 11 a.m.

There is a special guest this year, 13-year-old country singer Naomi Bristow, a.k.a. "the yodlin' cowgirl."

The organizing committee is also encouraging people to form teams.

Anyone can come to this event and hiking is not mandatory.

"Some people will just come that day and donate and do the walk. That's certainly encouraged as well," Maxwell says.

To donate or to get a pledge form go to www.sirch.on.ca and look in the events section.



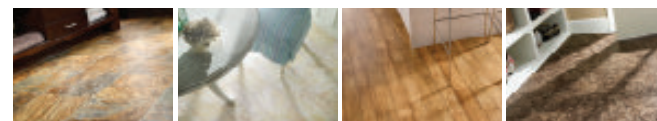
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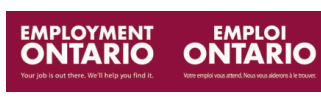
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Perception key to accessibility

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Darren Lum
Staff reporter

Provincial businesses and organizations are gaining a better understanding of customer service through a provincial act to take effect this January.

As of Jan. 1, 2012 all organizations with at least one employee that provides goods or services to members of the public or other third parties must comply with the Customer Service Standard (CSS) of the Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act (AODA).

The CSS is the first standard developed under AODA and it sets out the obligations for businesses and organizations to provide goods and services in a way that is accessible to people with disabilities.

This follows public sector organizations such as municipal governments, which complied with the CSS Jan. 1, 2011.

To ease this transition, the Ontario Chamber of Commerce held a series of presentations throughout the province.

The chamber represents more than 57,000 businesses through 160 boards of trade and local chambers of commerce such as the Haliburton Chamber of Commerce, which hosted a presentation at Fleming College in Haliburton on Thursday, April 7.

Guest speaker Louie DiPalma, a director of small/medium enterprise programs with the Ontario chamber is on a tour visiting 40 communities across the province. The tour started in August and will end in March 2012.

He said businesses and organizations will need to implement policies, procedures and practices to become accessible, but common sense will take owners far.



Darren Lum Times staff

Louie DiPalma of the Ontario Chamber of Commerce gives a presentation for local businesses and organizations about how common sense can go a long way towards abiding to the Customer Service Standard of the Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act at the Fleming College in Haliburton on Thursday, April 7. The CSS standard comes into effect Jan. 1, 2012.

"How may I help you? How may I help you will get you through 99.999999 per cent of any situation ... when you're dealing with any person from a customer service standpoint," he said.

"How may I help? What that does is it starts the interaction between you and that individual. You can better determine what their individual needs are and you can better resolve the issue, whatever it is, but if you don't ask 'How may I help you?' and make an assumption you may go in the wrong direction."

This is more than following the law, he said, it's good business.

One in seven Ontarians has a disability.

The CSS is the first standard in a list of standards of the AODA that all businesses and organizations will need to comply with by 2025.

With just seven people, the event was an intimate setting with many opportunities for questions.

Donna Gagnon, communications and administrative assistant with the Arts Council of Haliburton Highlands, was confident her organization and its members would adjust well to the new act.

"It is not difficult and ... there is help out there. The fact that the county has already gone through this procedure there's help there. There is lots of information online as well," Gagnon said, referring to the information websites and the generic policy templates.

Although the council is not legally bound to complete a written accessibility report they will do it for its membership, she said.

The council expects to put together a toolkit for its membership to help them understand the legislation.

Organizations and businesses with 20 or more employees will be required to complete a written report, regarding policies, procedures and the practices for the compliance to the act. However, any organization or business with less than 20 employees does not have to write a report, but will still be required to implement actions to be fully accessible.

The event's organizer Kendra Kellett was disappointed by the attendance, but acknowledged many business owners are putting their attention towards this spring and summer after a "soft" winter of business.

She said this kind of presentation won't be the last opportunity.

County government staff can be used as a resource for the public since their CSS transition has already been made.

County staff said there are businesses that have already moved towards being accessible with voluntary steps to eliminate barriers, as revealed through the Barrier Aware Program.

The county's Barrier Aware team is comprised of volunteers, including two members in wheelchairs. They have designated 16 county organizations and businesses as barrier free.

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Yoga in retirement



Lynda Shadbolt loves to work with seniors of all ages, and teaches yoga at the Blue Sky Yoga Studio in downtown Haliburton. /Angelica Blenich photo

Moving into the retirement phase of life brings you all kinds of new opportunities and possibilities. After spending years of being dedicated to your work, you often have more time to spend doing the things you love, and also to pursue new interests and hobbies. Many years ago retirement may have been associated with becoming more sedentary as people age, but the opposite is true today. Retirement is the perfect time to continue, and pick up healthy habits and hobbies that will promote longevity. Although much of the media portrays yoga with a young person doing a complicated twist or handstand, that is not the full spectrum of what yoga has to offer. People of all ages, and abilities (less and more flexible) can enjoy yoga and receive lots of benefits from it.

There are many styles of yoga that are available and so every person can find something to suit them. The kind of yoga a person chooses depends on their age, current fitness level, physical ability and interest. If someone is starting a practice for the first time, or after years of being sedentary (limited flexibility and strength), then a gentle hatha yoga practice or qigong is recommended. If someone is already an active person (playing sports, and other recreation) then a more moderate practice may be appropriate. If you are new to yoga, what is important is to do your own research. There are many good books and Internet resources that can answer basic questions. The next step is to find a yoga teacher in your area and talk to him or her about what you need, and also learn about his or her qualifi-

cations and experience. In the end, you want to work with someone who you feel comfortable with, and has the experience you want.

The benefits of yoga for seniors are much the same as those for the general population: increased muscle tone, joint mobility, balance, strength and improved mood. A yoga class can be a great way to meet new people and to be part of community that is dedicated to being healthy and happy. A regular yoga practice can be therapeutic for tight shoulders, tight hamstrings, sore lower back etc. Through pranayama (breathing exercises) lung capacity is increased. You can expect your posture to improve and you may sleep better. If you experience stress, yoga can help counteract that too. It is important to remember that these benefits will not come overnight after a single yoga class. Yoga is like anything - it takes time and practice. If you take piano lessons for a year, you will play differently after a year. If you take yoga lessons for a year, you will move differently in your body.

As with any new fitness activities, it is always recommended that you check with your doctor first to ensure that the yoga practice will be beneficial for your specific needs.

Lynda Shadbolt loves to work with seniors of all ages, and teaches yoga at the Blue Sky Yoga Studio in downtown Haliburton. For more information about her programs you can check out www.haliburtonyoga.com or call Lynda at 705-457-3121.

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What is the number one challenge for seniors in this county?

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McCann knew the importance of giving seniors and adults with disabilities and/or illnesses the right to choose where they live and most people choose to live autonomously in their own homes.

McCann rallied the local community and with great tenacity created Community Care Haliburton County.

One of the greatest challenges that seniors face in our county is the geographic scope; we cover 4,500 square kilometres, much of the county is rural and clients have to travel for simple tasks such as grocery shopping, doctors' visits and collecting prescriptions.

Of the 10 services that Community Care Haliburton County coordinates, transportation is one of the most requested. In the past fiscal year (April '08 to March '09), our staff coordinated with the assistance of more than 100 volunteers:

Frozen meals on wheels : 13,968

Transportation: 7,592 trips



One of the greatest challenges that seniors face in our county is the geographic scope, we cover 4,500 sq km, much of the county is rural and clients have to travel distance for simple tasks such as grocery shopping, doctors' visits, and collecting prescriptions.

Emergency response units: 200 responses

Diner's club and social recreation: 3,138 diners

Home help and home maintenance: 150 billable hours

In addition to providing services our dedicated volunteers help in coordination and planning special events to augment our fundraising goals that enable

us to continue to offer services and expand. We work in conjunction with partnering agencies to ensure the needs of seniors and adults with disabilities are met.

Community Care Haliburton County falls under the funding umbrella of the Ministry of Health and are partially funded by Central East Local Health Integration Network (CE LHIN). However, these funds need to be augmented by community fundraising to fulfill our mandate.

With the economic downturn we are seeing a greater demand for our services and a greater need in our community for subsidy and assistance. We have established a subsidy program to ensure those in the greatest need with the least financial income are addressed.

Isolation in a rural community is very real problem; we have initiated social recreation as a way to combat loneliness and isolation. We host cribbage, bridge and the ever-popular Wii (Nintendo computer game console) in our drop-in centre. During the seasonal heat and cold, we open our drop-in centre as a "cooling or warm up" station. During these sessions, we are often able to recognize needs of our neighbours and recommend a support service to ensure a better quality of life.

-Submitted by Community Care Haliburton County



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My best advice is that a will should be reviewed every year to determine if any changes in your assets, family and beneficiaries affects that will. A review with a competent lawyer should be undertaken every five years, given



If one has a power of attorney drawn prior to 1995, it will deal only with property and not be capable of providing direction regarding personal care.

— Raymond Selbie

that there could be changes in the law and changes in family situations that require review and amendments.

Failure to have a will requires an application to the court for an appointment of estate trustee, at which time the distribution of your estate will be in accordance with the provisions of law, i.e. statute, rather than in accordance with your wishes, or even the best interests of your family and beneficiaries.

Power of attorney

Since 1995, we are able to grant powers of attorney for personal care as well as property. These continuing powers of attorney for property and personal care have a specific form that must be followed.

If one has a power of attorney drawn prior to 1995, it will deal only with property and not be capable of providing direction regarding personal care.

An attorney under a continuing power of attorney for property and personal care has the power to do anything in respect of property that the grantor could do if capable, except make a will.

The Substitute Decisions Act places strict obligations on the person acting under the power of attorney for personal care and/or property, to always act in the best interest of the grantor, in accordance with the powers provided by the document itself and the statutory restrictions contained in the Substitute Decisions Act.

The power of attorney for personal care (sometimes called a living will) is designed to express our intentions and to inform our family, physicians, lawyers, clergymen and others who may become responsible for our health care, how we wish to be treated. It allows us to express our philosophy of death with dignity and free of pain

see A LIVING WILL page 5



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A living will represents your wishes



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— Raymond Selbie

from page 4

when continued existence through an illness may cause needless psychological and physical agony.

The expression of exactly how we wish to be treated, or withdrawn from treatment in the event of impending death, must be properly framed in a format that can be understood and followed by our medical providers. The involvement of

proper competent legal guidance is essential to prevent wording that may not be followed by doctors because it has no legal or medical meaning.

I have often seen carelessly drawn powers of attorney for personal care that use words such as, "pull the plug" or similar forms of supposed direction that cannot be legally or medically followed.

We are fortunate to live in a society that affords us the opportunity of placing our desires and intentions in writing. Each of us should implement a will and power of attorney to prevent negligence in regards to our own situation and to assist our loved ones as they put our wishes into action.

Remember, if you don't utilize a lawyer when you formulate your will and power of attorney, you will have no recourse if the documentation prepared is faulty, or does not sufficiently set forth your wishes. You would not trust your medical care to a mechanic, and certainly should not trust your legal matters to anyone other than a qualified, licensed legal representative, trained and insured, to serve your specific wishes and needs.

- Submitted by Raymond Selbie



Many seniors cohabitating instead of marrying

According to United States Census Bureau (USCB) data from 2000 to 2008, more and more seniors are choosing to cohabitate instead of remarry.

Between 2000 and 2008, the number of seniors choosing to cohabitate nearly doubled from 1.2 million to 2.2 million.

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That figure also holds up across the globe. According to the Administration on Aging (AOA), in 2000 there were approximately 605 million people over the age of 60 across the globe.

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Honeybees visit Art Hive

Left, local artist Peter Buwalda speaks with visitor Sheila Ziman during the opening of his Honeybees show at the Art Hive located near West Guilford on Saturday, April 9. The show of 20 acrylic ink images on watercolour paper, will run until May 8. These images were used in the permanent honeybee exhibition at the Canadian National Agricultural Museum in Ottawa.

Left, Buwalda points to a visual representation of how a bee sees in his acrylic ink on watercolour paper work, *U.V. View*, during the opening of his Honeybees show.

Below left, using wet and dry mark techniques, Buwalda depicts the method a bee sees in approaching a flower.

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Jim Thomson: the Queen Mother's piper

Lesmahagow in Scotland is an area made famous by the movie *Braveheart*. It's also where Jim Thomson is from, and while Jim may not be as famous as *Braveheart* actor Mel Gibson, he has rubbed shoulders with royalty.

Thomson graduated with a degree in interior design from the Glasgow School of Art. He also earned a teaching degree from the University of Glasgow's department of education. Both degrees would stand him in good stead for a fascinating life in Canada.

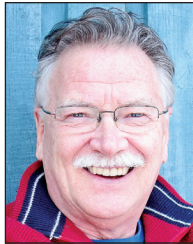
In 1967, the most exciting thing happening for designers was Expo '67, and two years earlier, enticed by the possibilities, Thomson left his job at the design outfit Morris of Glasgow to work on the Ontario and Bell Telephone pavilions at Expo.

After Expo, Thomson stayed in Canada and subsequently taught illustration and design at Central Tech in Toronto. Jim married wife Judy during this period and the couple moved to Port Perry from where he commuted. Then the couple moved to Kinmount where Thomson changed careers again. He started working with "delinquent teenagers," teaching arts and crafts at the Kawartha Lakes Training School in Lindsay.

"From that I got interested in social work," says Thomson. "Via correspondence courses I had received my degree in social development from the University of Waterloo, and we ran a group home from our farm near Kinmount." Sadly in 1986 Judy passed away, and in 1987 Jim moved back to Toronto where he landed with the family services department of the attorney general, helping "to look after people who, for whatever reasons, can't look after themselves." Thomson has been doing that work "for over 20 years now."

In 1992, Thomson bought property on Eagle Lake, and he's been coming up regularly ever since. The tie to the Highlands

Interesting



People

george farrell

was through that strange musical instrument the bagpipes. "Sixty years ago, when I was 11 years old I started playing the pipes with the Lesmahagow Boys' Brigade," he says, "and I eventually joined the Toronto Scottish Regiment where I was the pipe major three different times."

The Colonel-in-Chief of the Toronto Scottish Regiment was the Queen Mother, Queen Elizabeth, (1900-2002) — the widow of George VI and mother of Queen Elizabeth II. In 1985 and again in 1987, the "Queen Mum," as she was known, made visits to Canada. During those visits Jim Thomson was her personal piper. Thomson recalls those times vividly.

"I remember on one occasion she was staying at the residence of Galen Weston in Forest Hill in Toronto. My job was to awaken her each morning by playing pipes outside her bedroom window. When she got up she would come to the window and give me a little wave. One time I was invited into the kitchen where I met the cook. The Queen Mother had sent down a two handled silver container called a quaich, which was filled with Scotch whisky. I was to share the drink with the cook, who was a fellow Scot. So here we were drinking Scotch at 9 a.m. in the morning." It should be noted that the Queen Mum had developed quite a reputation as an imbibor of fine liquors. Jim Thomson continues his story.

"The cook was a chef at the Four Seasons hotel, and he had previously cooked for the royal family in Britain. One morning after a late shift at the Four Seasons he was hurrying to make breakfast for the Queen Mother when he was stopped for speeding by a policeman. When he told the policeman that he was late and had to make breakfast for the Queen Mother, you can imagine the look on the cop's face. After a while he managed to convince the guy that he was for real and the cop turned on his siren and gave him a police escort to the Weston household."



Jim Thomson played his pipes for the Queen Mother and for Rail Trail ramblers in Haliburton. /Photo by George Farrell

In 1990, Jim Thomson was invited to the Queen Mother's 90th birthday in Clarence House in London. "I had four Canadian generals as an escort," he recalls.

Thomson became familiar with this area due to the fact that he's performed with the Toronto Scottish Pipes and Drums at the local Highland Games a total of eight times; "after which we go back to my place on Eagle Lake for a barbecue," he says. He's still playing the pipes, and most recently he accompanied the band to Rochester N.Y. for the annual St. Patrick's Day Parade. This month he'll be going to a military tattoo in Virginia.

On Sunday, April 4 the Rail Trail Ramblers were delighted to be escorted by Thomson for the beginning of their first ramble of the year. On a warm day in bright spring sunshine, Thomson led the way from the Rails End Gallery along the lake to the start of the Rail Trail. Ramblers and their dogs followed as the eerie notes from the pipes echoed across the still-frozen waters. It was pure magic.

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Hawks advance to Kawarthas

The HHSS Red Hawks badminton team is sending seven players to the Kawartha Final to Thomas A. Stewart Secondary School in Peterborough on April 12. Haliburton played hosts for the senior badminton Kawartha qualifier on Tuesday, April 5. Leading the way, winning all three of their matches was the boys' doubles team of Jesse Schmidt and Drew Paul (top left), who will advance to the final with singles' player Bin Chun (top right), girls' doubles team Grace Diezel and Kaily Schell (left) and mixed doubles team of Tiffany vanLieshout and Scott Griffith.

/Photos by Darren Lum

Hawks rule

The following are briefs for Haliburton Highlands Secondary School athletics for the past week.

April 6

The junior boys' Red Hawks hockey team is to be congratulated on winning the B Division championship in Norwood. The boys defeated the hometown Norwood Knights by a score of 4-3 in a sudden death shootout.

April 7

The junior badminton team had a solid showing at the Kawartha qualifier at Thomas A. Stewart, with 13 of 15 players advancing to the upcoming Kawartha tournament. Results were as follows:

Third Place: Tyler Barry and Tom Paul (boys' doubles) Jamie Dack and Jessica Duchene (girls' doubles)

Second Place: Sandy Griffith and Jessica Bishop (girls' doubles), Tammy Everitt and Mike Nelson (mixed doubles)

First Place: Tanner Hamilton and Tanner Ballantyne (boys' doubles), Ali Hicks and Darcy Schmidt (mixed doubles), Matt Kim (boys' singles).

- with files from Judi Paul's class

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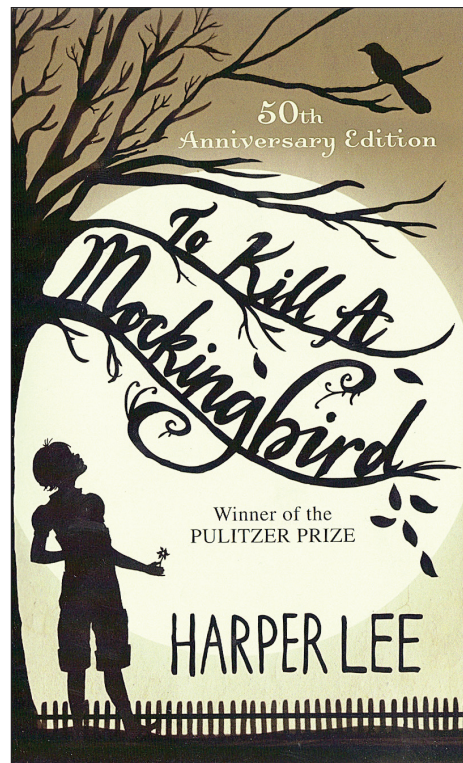
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It's spring, time *To Kill A Mockingbird*



A copy of the novel *To Kill A Mockingbird* and a special two disc DVD set will be raffled off on April 13 after the screening of the film. All are welcome.

R.D. Lawrence Place is offering lots of interesting programs

Spring has not sprung so much as sputtered with frequent snow flurries that whited-out the first attempt to launch the new Novel to Screen Club at R.D. Lawrence Place. In a second attempt, the classic movie *To Kill a Mockingbird* will be shown at 2 p.m. on April 13 at R.D.L.P.

Anyone who loves to watch movie adaptations of their favourite books is welcome to come out and enjoy the film version of the Pulitzer Prize-winning novel by Harper Lee.

This version won Gregory Peck the best actor award in a film that also captured the best adapted screenplay Oscar. Do you think the movie deserves those honours and that of the 100 greatest American movies of all time according to the American Film Institute?

Join a fun conversation about the movie and book afterward and find out some secrets about the making of the movie that the actors revealed years later.

Popcorn and the admission is by donation. A special two-disc DVD set of the movie and a 50th anniversary edition of the

novel will be raffled off.

The next day at noon, join Ron Evans as he takes people on a walk through cyberspace into the land of "new media." Find out what Twitter is, (hint it's not the cool lingo of spring's songbirds), Facebook, social networking and online publishing. Admission is \$5, the session starts at noon and goes to 2 p.m. Feel free to bring your lunch!

Ron Evans is the 2011 writer in residence, the published author of three books of poetry with a fourth coming out this year. He has had success publishing online as well and runs a private web-based business so has built up a level of expertise in Internet programs.

If you cannot make it on April 14, feel free to call RDLP to book a time to see Ron Evans. He has office hours the first Tuesday of the month and is in local libraries on the third Tuesday in April he will be at the Minden branch from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. For his schedule or for details please see mindenculturalcentre.com/rd_wir.php.

Looking for more traditional spring fare? Join us for our annual celebration of poetry month on April 16 at the presentation of the winners of the HHWEN Poet Trees Project. Come hear some fabulous poetry and meet our local poets. Admission by donation.

And as wildlife emerges from hibernation or migrates back to the area, looking to Haliburton County to be their sanctuary, it

is a perfect time to discover how sanctuary became a strong theme in R.D. Lawrence's life. Sanctuary is a new exhibit opening on April 29 that explores how he immigrated to Canada to find sanctuary, founded two wildlife sanctuaries, and wrote about the need to preserve natural wildlife habitats, their sanctuaries.

Monika Melichar will be at the Minden Hills Cultural Centre on April 30 to talk about her work at Haliburton's newest wildlife sanctuary Woodlands. Her presentation will start at 2 p.m. and admission is \$5.

There is always something to do at R.D. Lawrence Place, drop in to Horse Before the Cart writer's circle on the first and third Wednesday of the month. Find out about local minerals at the Haliburton Geological Society on the fourth Thursday.

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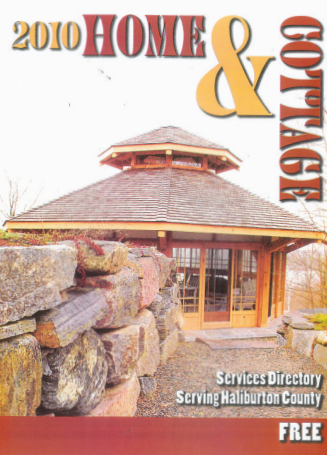
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Every entry submitted earns you a ballot that is put into a draw for a new iPad. This campaign runs until June 30.

At the moment Haliburton has the lowest number of online visitors (2.5 per cent provincial total) in all of

Ontario. If you visit the website www.tourismstartswithyou.com it let's you share you're most cherished destinations.

"What we really want to see as a result of this campaign is for people to start to think of this region in terms of tourism. We like to think of locals as 'tourism ambassadors,'" explains Leah Piltz, coordinator of marketing and communications at the OHTO.

"Also, locals are on the front lines for out of town visitors; they may be asked in a store or on a street what there is to do, and we have so many things to offer that the answer should not be nothing."

This project could create employment opportunities as well as boost local businesses that get discovered from the entries on the website.

"If you happen to be the local business owner that people are identifying as a great attraction, you can see the comments and use them to direct your marketing efforts," adds Piltz.

Many entries have been shared so far. The International Puppets Festival hosted in Almonte, Ont. and the Valley Music Festival in Ottawa are prime examples of both.

"Locals have so far been loving the campaign – and not just for the chance to win," said Piltz.

The next major project being worked on by Piltz will be a consumer website where visitors can book regional vacation experiences online. Also, soon there will be a mobile app introduced for iPhone and iPad, and a video project that will create some unique videos focused on what there is to see and do in our area.

The OHTO is a destination development and marketing organization (DMO). The province of Ontario created this organization in 2010 to make an independent, industry-led, not-for-profit organization responsible for working with tourism partners to enhance and grow the region's tourism and marketing projects. The OHTO works with eight DMOs, authorities and tourism agencies.

"Working with the board has been a very positive collaborative experience. The board is made up of members that are representative of our entire region, which really helps the OHTO to make sure that each area is considered in our marketing and development activities," said Piltz.

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The 2011 Haliburton Destination Guide is ready for shelves. A vast amount of copies (60,000) were printed and are being sent not just around the county, but also throughout the province.

"Essentially, the guide is a break even proposition for the county - intended to be zero cost/profit," explains Robert Smith director of tourism.

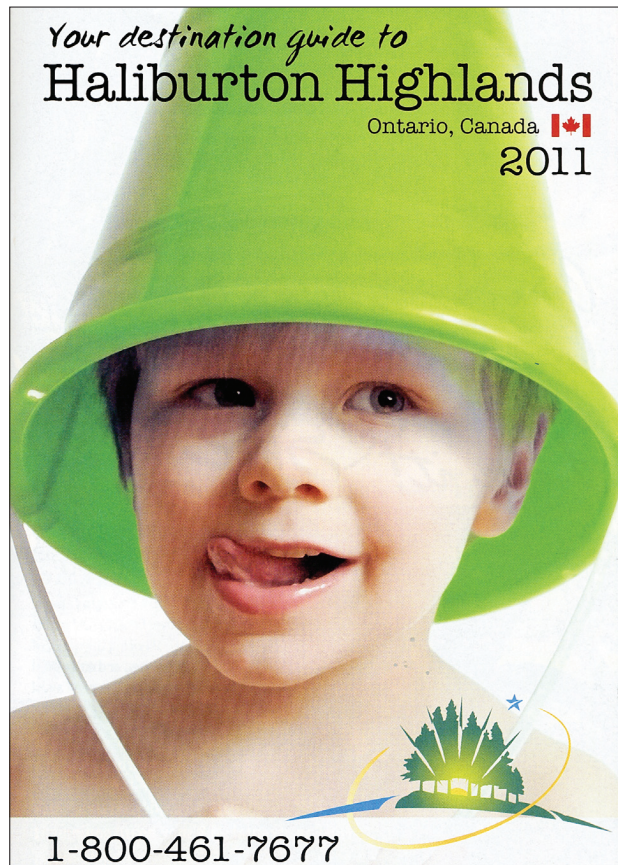
This year the number of advertisers nearly doubled making room for 25 more pages.


Also, small tags on various pages in the book can be scanned by cellphone, taking you straight to whatever application you need to download.

For the fifth year in a row, Andrea Hillo and aDesign have done the graphics for the guide.

Local distribution of the guide will be completed by Easter weekend.

- Jade Fisher, Co-op student



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Jim Frost, Administrator
Haliburton Village BIA
705-457-4031

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Vacancy on Board of Directors

The Board of the Corporation invites interested persons to apply to serve on the Board. The Board is seeking members to fill two vacancies with terms ending in 2011 & 2012.

Eligible applicants must be a resident of the City of Kawartha Lakes or the County of Haliburton and be at least 18 year of age.

Experience in serving on the board of a non-profit agency is preferred.

Applications may be obtained from the office of the Corporation at the address below, or from Haliburton County at 11 Newcastle Street, Minden, Ontario.

Applications are to be submitted by **April 21st, 2011.**

Applicants are asked to submit their applications and any supporting information such as a resume to:

Hope Lee, Secretary
Kawartha Lakes-Haliburton Housing Corporation
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Applicants selected for an interview may be requested to provide references and a police check.

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Full details found at **www.mindenhills.ca** (public notices).



The Corporation of the Township of
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REQUIRES A

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(Temporary Full-Time Position)
Maternity Leave

The Township of Algonquin Highlands is seeking an individual with experience in office procedures and municipal finance to work in the Municipal Office. The successful applicant will possess a minimum of two years experience in a related position preferably within a municipal setting. Strong clerical and administrative skills in accounting and municipal tax rates, billings and collections are an asset.

Salary Range: \$19.21/hr - \$21.62/hr

Applicants must indicate how they meet the minimum qualifications in their resume. We thank all applicants; however only those selected for an interview will be contacted.

Please submit your resume in confidence and clearly marked TREASURY ASSISTANT by

4:00 p.m. on Friday, April 15, 2011 to:

Angie Bird, A.M.C.T., CMM1
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Who's to blame for break downs?

The Mechanic
Dave Redinger,
QMI Agency
davidredinger@rogers.com

For years I have lived with the fear that my wife's car would break down. Yes, mechanics have car problems, too.

Money was tight when we started off so we drove old cars. Heaven help me if that sucker ever let her down - I would never hear the end of it. Come to think of it neither would the

poor tow truck drivers I would send to rescue her.

I learned early on in my career that break downs are often the mechanic's fault. I didn't design it, build it or sell it. It wasn't me who didn't have the time to service it, and it wasn't me who broke the thing in the first place. Cars do wear out. So, how's that my fault?

In reality, most failures after repairs are usually related to faulty parts (new parts do fail). When arranging car repairs, don't be shy; ask what the warranty policy is on the replacement parts and workmanship, and

how repairs are to be handled if there is a failure.

Most shops have very liberal warranty policies; however, some don't. One more thing: why do most customers ask for a "discount" on parts? I tried asking for a discount at a local big box store and they threw me out!

By the way, I bought my wife a new car. Now she can blame the dealer if it breaks down.

Q: When I stop at a red light with the transmission in drive and my foot is on the brake, the car vibrates and sometimes shakes out-right. There are times when the engine stalls. I recently had a "tune-up" to see if it would help and the car does run better but it did not solve this problem. There are times when it vibrates only slightly but most of the time, it vibrates

quite a bit, enough to see the hood shaking. Do you know what the problem is and what might be causing it?

A: It sounds as if the engine is not running on all cylinders. The problem could be as simple as a spark plug that is fouled or more serious such as a sticking valve. Have a dynamic compression test performed. This test cuts out individual cylinders and measures the load they are sharing. The results will lead you to the next step.

Dave Redinger has more than 40 years' experience as a mechanic and has run his shop, Doctor H Honda Specialists, in Toronto for the past 26 years. Tune in to Dave's new shows "Dave's Corner Garage" on Sun TV and "In the Shop" on Men's TV. Check local listings.

For more auto news go to autonet.ca.



PUBLIC NOTICE

Applicant: WALKER
Part Lot 15 Concession 12, Kawagama Lake
Geographic Township of Sherborne

WHEREAS the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Algonquin Highlands has declared parts of Lot 15 Concession 12 and also parts of the original shore road allowance lying in front of Part Lot 15 Concession 12, Kawagama Lake, in the geographic Township of Sherborne, in the Township of Algonquin Highlands, County of Haliburton, to be surplus.

TAKE NOTICE that the Council of the Municipal Corporation of the Township of Algonquin Highlands proposes to enact a By-Law to stop-up, close and convey to the abutting property owner(s) those parts of Lot 15 Concession 12 and also those parts of the original shore road allowance lying in front of Lot 15 Concession 12 described as all and singular those certain parcels or tracts of land and premises situate, lying and being in the Geographic Township of Sherborne in the County of Haliburton and being composed of the following:

FIRSTLY: THOSE parts of Lot 15 Concession 12, geographic Township of Sherborne described as Parts 12 and 13 on a Plan deposited in the Registry Office for the Registry Division of Haliburton County as Plan 19R-8101;

SECONDLY: THOSE parts of the original shore road allowance in front of Lot 15 Concession 12, geographic Township of Sherborne described as Parts 16, 17 and 18 on a Plan deposited in the Registry Office for the Registry Division for Haliburton County as Plan 19R-8101.

The proposed By-Law will come before the said Council for consideration at its regular meeting at the Algonquin Highlands Municipal Office, 1123 North Shore Road, on the 5th day of May 2011 at the hour of 9:00 a.m., and at that time, the Council will hear in person or by his/her counsel, solicitor or agent any person who claims that his land will be prejudicially affected and who applies to be heard.

Dated: March 29, 2011

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Applicant: WINTERSTEIN/BALL
Part Lot 13 Concession 4, Boshkung Lake
Geographic Township of Stanhope

WHEREAS the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Algonquin Highlands has declared part of the original shore road allowance lying in front of Part Lot 13 Concession 4, Boshkung Lake, in the geographic Township of Stanhope, in the Township of Algonquin Highlands, County of Haliburton, to be surplus.

TAKE NOTICE that the Council of the Municipal Corporation of the Township of Algonquin Highlands proposes to enact a By-Law to stop-up, close and convey to the abutting property owner(s) that part of the original shore road allowance lying in front of Lot 13 Concession 4 described as all and singular that certain parcel or tract of land and premises situate, lying and being in the Geographic Township of Stanhope in the County of Haliburton and being composed of the following:

FIRSTLY: THAT part of the original shore road allowance in front of Lot 13 Concession 4 described as Part 2 on a Plan deposited in the Registry Office for the Registry Division of Haliburton County as Plan 19R-9110.

The proposed By-Law will come before the said Council for consideration at its regular meeting at the Algonquin Highlands Municipal Office, 1123 North Shore Road, on the 5th day of May 2011 at the hour of 9:00 a.m., and at that time, the Council will hear in person or by his/her counsel, solicitor or agent any person who claims that his land will be prejudicially affected and who applies to be heard.

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Maple Lake hosts Maplefest brunch and bake sale



Gina Atkinson
Stanhope Life

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You can always trust our churches to have something going on!

One of my neighbours informed me of this Saturday's event at the Lochlin United Church.

From 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. they are holding their Maplefest – brunch and bake sale.

Sounds like my kind of breakfast – all-you-can-eat pancakes and sausage brunch! Guaranteed to be served with local maple syrup – delicious!

Adults pay \$6, children under 12 pay \$3, and pre-schoolers eat for free. If you are like me and have never been to this church, it's located on Lochlin Road, off Gelert Road.

Grab some friends and get out there!

Then after you have had breakfast, come back to Carnarvon to our big garage sale right here at Pine Reflections.

All in all, the makings of a great day!

Screams bring attendant running



Melissa Alfano
Dorset News

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The Easter fun themed Dorset ladies night, which took place on Wednesday, April 6 at the Dorset Recreation Centre, was a great success and certainly lots of fun. Congratulations to Lorraine Cyopick and Mary Sutton for winning the egg toss game. The screams and laughter during the egg toss brought recreation centre attendant Steve running to see what was going on!

There were two teams for the egg relay, and after a very close race, a tie was called. All participants won a small chocolate Easter egg. Congratulations to Elva Clayton, who won a chocolate bunny for giving the most correct answers to the Easter trivia game, and to Doris Macdonald, for winning a goodie gift pack in the draw.

All the ladies participated in baking chocolate cupcakes, and each got to decorate three or four to take home. The creations were stunning! Thank you to Lorraine Cyopick for organizing the activity.

The next Dorset ladies night takes place on Tuesday, May 3 starting at 7 p.m. The theme is spring fling tea party and includes teacup planters, tea swap, games, prizes and refreshments. The cost is \$5 per person. To find out more or to register, please call 705-766-9968.

Community Care, Haliburton, is looking for volunteer drivers in the Dorset area. If you can help or would like more information, please email Brigitte at Brigitte@communitycarehaliburton.com or give her a call at 705-457-2941.

Tickets are still available for the eighth annual Evening of Wine, Words, Music and Art taking place at the Dorset Recreation Centre this Friday, April 15. The celebration includes eight artists, six writers, poets and two musicians from Haliburton and Muskoka. Artists will be showing samples of their work, writers and poets will be reading and musicians performing.

The evening starts at 6:30 p.m. with a walkabout until 7 p.m. when the readings and music begin. Moon Shadows Estate Winery will be showcasing their special fruit and maple syrup based wines. Thanks to Robinson's General Store, there will be a lovely snack for attendees.

Tickets are \$6 each or two for \$10 and are available at the Dorset Recreation Centre or at the door. The event is open to those 19 years of age and over. For more information or to reserve tickets, please call the recreation centre at 705-766-9968.

There will be a Dorset community policing meeting on Tuesday, April 19 at the Dorset Recreation Centre starting at 7:30 p.m. All are welcome. For more information, contact Marlene at 705-766-2409.

At this time of year, you may hear about Seder Suppers taking place. A Seder Supper is a ritual feast to celebrate the Israelite exodus from Egypt and usually takes place on the second night of Passover. Join St. Mary Magdalene Anglican Church at their annual Seder Supper on Thursday, April 21 starting at 6 p.m. Tickets are \$11 for adults and \$6 for children. Please call Pat at 705-766-2373 for reservations or for more information (by April 19 please). All are welcome.

Birthday wishes for the week of April 10 to 16 go out to Bev Robinson, Carol McMullen, "Blue Goose", Robbie Drebbitt and Catlin Perry. For all who have birthdays, anniversaries and special occasions this week, have fun on your special day!

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Patti Fleury
Around the Town

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Monday's unusually warm temperature brought back memories. While growing up in a busy household, I don't remember many rules, except one - thou shalt not change to short socks until the temperature reaches 66°F (19°C.) Why that was the magic number Mom chose remains unclear, but the chance to shed those wretched long black or lisle brown stockings sometimes led to desperate measures. A lighted match under the front porch thermometer usually did the trick, at least on the short term. Fortunately, there was no need back then for temperature conversion. In that pre-calculator era, by the time any Centigrade reading had been first multiplied by nine then divided by five and 32 added to that score, there would have been burned fingers and some major explaining to do.

From Coboconk Legion the Saturday evening sounds of a lively birthday party echoed through the halls as relatives and friends gathered to celebrate Ed Bunville turning 75. Ed is our neighbour, and a true one at that, always ready to give a hand when needed and stay until the problem is resolved. He is a talented woodworker and contributor

to the Kinmount Artisans Marketplace as well as having a family home studio/workshop known as Judy's Porch and Barn at 219 Galway Road (705-488-2201.)

For all you bingo fans, the Kinmount and District Lions Club holds its second annual Easter bingo this Wednesday, April 13 at the Galway Hall. Doors open at 5:30 p.m. and the hot dogs will be ready. Early bird games begin at 6:45 p.m. with regular games to follow. There are prizes of turkeys, hams and cash, with proceeds going to sponsor the Music in the Park series this summer.

Coming up at the Kinmount Library is the monthly book sale hosted by the Friends of the Kinmount Library on Saturday, April 16 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Children's story time continues on Tuesday mornings at 11:15 a.m. while the after school craft program for all ages will be on Tuesday, April 19 at 5 p.m. The computers continue to attract users and the new sand table has been ordered in lots of time for this summer's program entitled Splash, Celebrate Summer. For more information on Library programs and events, please call 705-488-3199.

Julia Donnelly advises that there will be a spring session of Taoist Tai Chi starting this month at the Galway Hall, 579 Galway Road. An open house will take place on Monday, April 18 from 9:30 to 11 a.m., with classes starting on Thursday, April 20 at 9:30 a.m. For more information, please call her at 705-286-1444. These classes have proven very popular so if interested in learning more about the benefits of

Tai Chi do plan to attend the open house.

The next general meeting of the Legion Branch 441, Kinmount will be held on Thursday, April 21 at 7:30 p.m. with the annual nomination/election of officers coming up on Sunday, May 1 at 1 p.m. Please remember to bring your signed membership card for that election. The monthly big bucks bid euchre starts at 11 a.m. on Wednesday, April 20 with a delicious lunch included in the \$10 fee. For more information on branch activities, please call 705-488-3462.

Put on your best Easter bonnet and bring your own basket to the parade and annual Easter egg hunt sponsored by the Kinmount committee for planning and economic development on Saturday, April 23. Marshall at the railway station for the parade, which starts off down into the park at 1 p.m.

Don Corneil will be the auctioneer again at the upcoming 17th annual dinner auction on Saturday, April 30 at the Galway Hall. This popular event, the major fundraiser for the Kinmount committee for planning and economic development, provides money for many projects, including the downtown upgrades and beautification. Doors open at 5:30 p.m. to allow time for viewing the great variety of donated items, with a full roast beef dinner to be served at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$25 and available by calling 705-488-2635 or 2687 but do call soon as these tickets sell out quickly.

Until next week.

Unusual words spoken at Minden WI meeting

by Pam Rolfe

President, Minden WI

Jean Cox was the hostess for the March meeting of the Minden WI with 10 members and one guest present.

The roll call was "a word from the dictionary and its meaning." Once again the members had been diligent and quoted the meaning of some unusual words and even found some with two or three meanings.

The business of the branch was dealt with and the card convener reported five cards were sent to sick and shut-ins.

Del brought us up-to-date on the happenings in our local communities for the last two months.

The president discussed with the members our participation in the 2012 quilt show to be held in early July, more on this at the next meeting.

March was education month and Jean gave us the history of the Constitution of Canada, which was signed by Queen Elizabeth II and the Prime Minister Pierre Trudeau in Ottawa on April 17, 1982. Many amendments and repeals

have taken place over many years, but in 1960 Prime Minister John Diefenbaker successfully introduced the Canadian Bill of Rights which was the precursor for the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms. The constitution states that the Prime Minister serves no more than five years in one term. On May 2 this year, all citizens will have the right to vote and it is a privilege we should all acknowledge as there are many people in the world who can not.

The president gave us a tongue-in-cheek humorous take on exercising and quoted Winston Churchill who said, "Whenever he had the urge to exercise, he would sit down and wait for it to pass."

Grace was said and we all enjoyed lunch prepared by Jean and served by Del and Karin.

The next meeting will be held on April 20 at 1:30 p.m. at the home of the president. Visitors are welcome. Call 754-2564 for information.

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• **April 13: Haliburton Highlands Quilt Guild Meeting** at Stanhope Community Centre @ 1pm Come and hear Jacqui Clarkson speak on "Why we need yellow in our life" Doors open at 10am Everyone Welcome for more information call Sharon @ 705-286-1531

• **April 13: Lia Sophia Jewellery Show in support of Community Care:** 1:00-8:00 Located at 83 Maople Ave. Unit 3 Drop in Centre, Halco Plaza for more information contact 705-457-2941

• **April 13: Haliburton Highlands Genealogy Group** will be held at the Minden Legion, 12847 HWY #35 Doors open 6pm Topic: The Hidden Genealogical Treasures in Our Education System. Speaker Don Hinchley For more information call Gail 705-286-2225

• **April 14: HHFN presents Ontario Nature Celebrating 80 years:** 7:30pm at Fleming College Haliburton doors open @7pm Visit www.hhfn.ca

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• **April 20th & 27th TABLE TENNIS** Minden Community Center 1 to 3 PM Contact: Dave LEAR 705 457 4032 or Mary Martin 705 457 2260

• **April 20: Learn how to Garden & Preserve your Harvest** at the Wilberforce Branch of the Haliburton County Public Library at 10a.m.-12:00pm for more information call 705-457-2241

• **April 24: Neighbours Helping Neighbours Basket Draw** in support of The Rotary Club of Minden for more information call The Red Umbrella Inn 705-489-2462

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• **April 26: Dental Day** at the Minden OEYC 10am – 1pm. A dental Hygienist from HKPR Dental Health team will be available for screenings RSVP 705-286-1770

• **April 26: Scottish Contry Dance Group** at 7:30pm located at the Haliburton United Church

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• **April 28: Planning for your child's education:** The Minden Branch of the Haliburton Public Library presents a series of financial Planning Workshops beginning at 6:30pm Pre-register for these free sessions by calling 705-457-2241

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Well maintained 3 bedroom 2 bathroom home of 1868 s.f. on 100 acres near Carnarvon. Newer septic, metal roof, drilled well, separate insulated workshop or studio with own septic and propane heat.

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Kushog Lake \$299,000



Charming 3 BR cottage on well treed lot with 190' of water ftg with good docking for all the toys. 14 miles of boating, great fishing lake and clean sand shoreline.

Ed Gibbons 286-2138 x 28

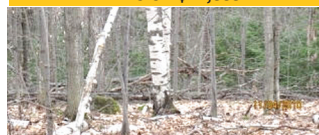
Country Setting \$126,900



Great Starter home with 3 bedrooms, main floor laundry, large eat-in Kitchen, 1-acre lot, close proximity to golf, shopping, ski hill & 3 lake chain. Many recent upgrades

Karen Nimigon 457-2128 x 29

ATV Here! \$42,000



Just under 40 acres of mixed bush makes a great place to play with your ATV! Stay safe, away from road traffic and enjoy nature at the same time! Property overlooks Blairhampton Golf Course and Horseshoe Lake.

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Horseshoe Lake - 2 Lake Chain



One of a few remaining undeveloped lots with 468 Frontage, 2.36 acres abutting Blairhampton Golf Course. Lots of privacy and a sandy shoreline with Multi exposure! Great fishing and close to Minden.

Mark Dennys 457-2128 x 30

Custom Home \$299,900



Fully furnished 3 BR substantially renovated home features 2 baths, cathedral pine ceilings, central vac, heated line & UV filter, newer windows & master with spa ensuite! 7.25 acres with a dynamite view of Kushog Lake and dock across the road.

Lee Gauthier 286-2138 x 28

Must See! \$389,000



190' level point lot on Minden Lake with a well cared for 3 BR home featuring 2 baths, w/o family room, stone fireplace and over 500 sq ft of deck. Dock and beach area for excellent swimming and diving.

Elizabeth Thompson 457-2128 x 52

12 Acres! \$79,000



Newly severed 12+ acres very close to public access on Davis Lake in an area of upscale homes and cottages. Over 700' of township road frontage. Land is high and dry with granite outcroppings. Backs onto crown Land.

David Lee 286-2138 x 27

Overlooking Maple Lake \$349,500



Royal Victoria R2000 home features 4 BRs, 2.5 baths, full unfinished bsmt and an attached 2 car garage. On 13 level, landscaped acres. Access to the lake just across the road

Greg Stamp 457-2128 x 28

In Town Living! \$252,000



Modest 3+ BR boasts large living room & dining room with walk out to deck, screened porch and country yard. Great access & excellent privacy.

Drew Bishop 457-2128 x 23

Great Value! \$174,900



Bright, charming, 4 season, 3 BR cottage/home on dbl lot with great deeded access to Negaunee Lake. Many upgrades including roof, kitchen & bath. Drilled well and septic, easy yr rnd mun. rd. access.

Susanne James & Andy Mosher 457-2128 x 33

Family Waterfront Home \$379,000



250 feet of waterfrontage with great beach area on Minden Lake. Spacious 3 bedroom home, two baths, full basement with walkout. Nice private setting with an outstanding view for summer sunsets. Ready for occupancy.

Wilfred VanLieshout 457-2128 x 27

Beech Lake \$329,000



2+1 BR updated cottage with gorgeous sand beach facing NW. Large open concept updated kitchen, Thermal windows, Napoleon airtight and nice pine finishings make this cottage very cozy through 3 seasons.

Dagmar Boettcher 489-9968

Soyers Lake Estate \$1,590,000



Prestigious 4600 sq. ft. residence with 220 feet of gorgeous shoreline and 20 acres of hardwood forest on Haliburton's most sought after 5-lake chain.

Andrea Wilson 457-2128 x 25

Jim Beef Lake \$109,000



Great building lot just outside of Haliburton Village and only 5 minutes from all amenities. Just under 1/2 an acre with western exposure. Beautiful natural setting.

Andrew Hodgson 286-2138 x 29

Minden Townhome \$164,000



This end-unit, 2 storey townhome is in immaculate condition. Large principal rooms open onto sunroom and back deck for your entertaining pleasure. Two bedrooms, both with ensuite baths. This one won't last!

Tom Gardner 286-2138 x 30

Beautiful Aurora Condo \$599,000



Fabulous 4th floor corner unit in excellent location. Over 1600 sq. ft. with open concept great room, 2 BRs, 3 baths, Den, many upgrades including engineered hardwood. Underground parking. Fantastic common areas include pool, exercise room and guest suite.

John Hincks 286-2138 x 50

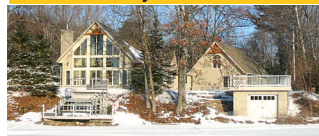
Traditional Haliburton Cottage \$489,900



Excellent privacy on this 1 acre lot with 249' on Halls Lake. 3 BR cottage features large living room with stone fireplace and a sunroom. Gazebo & boathouse with dock and sand beach.

Anne Moulton 286-2138 x 24

This May Be The One!



Sparkling fresh with attention to craftsmanship, this waterfront vacation property provides outstanding views of Moore Lake. The home includes three bedrooms, two and half baths and private guest accommodations. Many other features. By appointment only.

Peter Franzen 286-2138 x 52

Pine Lake \$399,900



Outstanding west facing level lot with a sand beach. Large open concept four season cottage features 4 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms and a large sunroom.

Erin Nicholls 457-2128 x 34

Residential Home \$187,900



1.3 private acres year round with all the WANTS!! Custom Kitchen, newer bathrooms, antique wood floors, level land close to lakes, Haliburton and Ski Hill! Has to be seen to appreciate!

Janice Brookes 457-2128 x 22

Little Hawk Lake \$299,000



Boat Little & Big Hawk Lakes from this beautiful completely furnished cottage also comes with a 2 bedroom bunkie, chalet & workshop. Bonus - 4 boats & 2 canoes!

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